

of the leading priests in England thereupon wrote to Rome petitioning that some order might be made amongst them, which matter the Pope referred to the Cardinal Cajetan, protector of the English seminary, one with whom Parsons the Jesuit had especial friendship and familiarity So one Blackwell is made Archpnest of England, a man not a Jesuit himself, but wholly under the Jesuits When the secular pnestes heard of it, they conferred together and resisted Blackwell, for seeing that his appointment was not warranted by any brief of the Pope but only by the Cardinal, they feared some false practise by Parsons So two of their number contrary to the wish of Blackwell were sent to Rome about the end of last year, where by Parsons' practises they were cast into prison, and after a time banished into divers provinces Then was a brief sent from Rome, which is now received, confirming the appointment of Blackwell, with whom the secular pnestes are now reconciled

v\$th May THE FRENCH KING AND HIS QUEEN

In Pans there is much talk that the French King goeth about to divorce his Queen that he may marry the Duke of Florence's niece, but that the Duke hath made a cold answer, saying that once before the King made the same motion, but afterwards falling in liking with Madame Gabnelle he left it, having drawn some loan of money from the Duke upon that pretence. In the mean time not to be utterly destitute the King causeth Mademoiselle D'Entragues his new favourite to follow his progress, to whom he assigneth 500 crowns a month for her charges

26th May THE TRIAL OF MR DARRELL

This day Mr John Darrell was again examined at Lambeth before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners concerning the casting

out of devils that he was said to have wrought,
when it was
alleged that he had taught the possessed persons
to counterfeit,
which he very vehemently denied Whereupon it
was shown
that some of the persons had confessed that they
had counter-
feited possession at Darrell's persuasion DarreH
answered that
in the case of the boy Darling his confession was
forced from
him by ha"rd usage and threatemngs, and the
counterfeiting of
sundry letters, nor could the things that he did
have been
counterfeited Mr. DarrelPs friends complain
greatly that the